

Opinion of the Court.

ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY COMPANY v. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

ERROR TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

No. 117. Submitted December 9, 1920.—Decided January 17, 1921.

An order of a state public service commission requiring an interstate railroad to detour two of its through passenger trains from its main line over a branch for the benefit of a small city already adequately served by local, connecting trains, *held*, void as an undue burden on interstate commerce. P. 536.

277 Missouri, 264, reversed.

THE case is stated in the opinion.

*Mr. William F. Evans* and *Mr. Edward T. Miller* for plaintiff in error.

*Mr. James D. Lindsay* for defendant in error. *Mr. R. Perry Spencer* was also on the brief.

MR. JUSTICE McREYNOLDS delivered the opinion of the court.

Plaintiff in error's main line extends from St. Louis to Memphis—305 miles. As originally constructed it turned sharply southeastward at Hayti, Missouri—220 miles from St. Louis—ran thence seven miles to Caruthersville, a city of four thousand people, thence southwestward nine miles to Grassy Bayou and thence south. A "cut-off" between Hayti and Grassy Bayou—six miles—became part of the main line in 1904 and thereafter through freight and night passenger trains passed that way. The through day passenger trains—Nos. 801 and 802—continued to